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OF EXTERNAL SECURITY

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1. MINISTRY DEFENSE ISSUED ADDITIONAL STATEMENT MARCH 28
WITH AIM TO REASSURE GREEK PEOPLE CONCERNING STATE OF
NATION'S EXTERNAL SECURITY. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT MARCH 27
ON LATEST TURKISH OVERFLIGHT OF GREEK ISLANDS AND GREEK REACTION
(REPORTED REFTEL (A)) WAS NOT WIDELY DISSEMINATED DUE
TO JOURNALIST STRIKE MARCH 28 AND UNFOUNDED RUMORS CIRCULATED
BROADLY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. IT WAS TO COMBAT THESE RUMORS THAT
DEFMIN ISSUED ADDITIONAL STATEMENT (PARA 2 BELOW).

2. "THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE POINTS OUT THAT RUMORS
CIRCULATED ABOUT GREAT TENSION IN THE COUNTRY'S INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS DO NOT CORRESPOND TO REALITY AND SHOULD CLEARLY BE
CONSIDERED FALSE. IT IS NOT CHARACTERISTIC OF A PROUD AND
STRONG PEOPLE TO BE INFLUENCED BY SUCH SUSPICIOUS RUMORS JUST
AS IT IS NOT CHARACTERISTIC OF SUCH A PEOPLE TO BE IMPRESSED BY
BORDER INCIDENTS WHICH NOT NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY SPECIAL
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SIGNIFICANCE AND WHICH, IN ANY CASE, ARE BEING CONFRONTED BY THE

COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES WITH ABSOLUTE CALMNESS AND DUE
DETERMINATION."
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